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Gathering Microsoft SQL agent logs for troubleshooting



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Objectives

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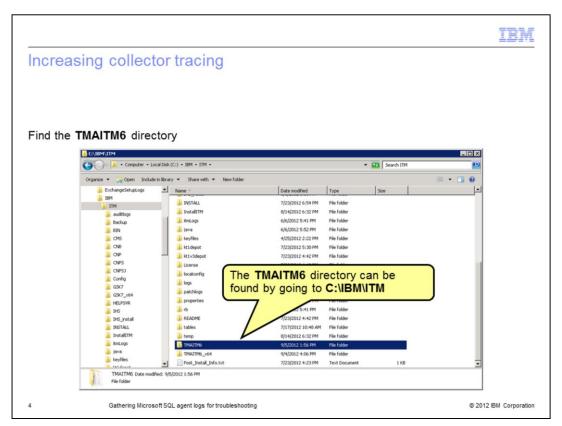
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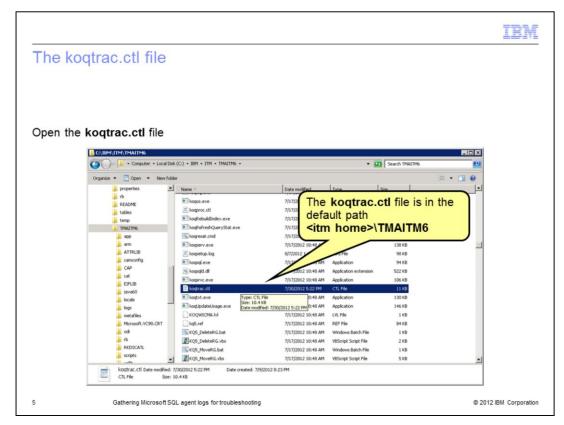
Also, it is a very good idea to make a copy or a screen capture of any files or attributes that you change, so that you can change them back to the original values after collecting the log files. The increased trace settings might affect the physical disk space and processor utilization of the machine.



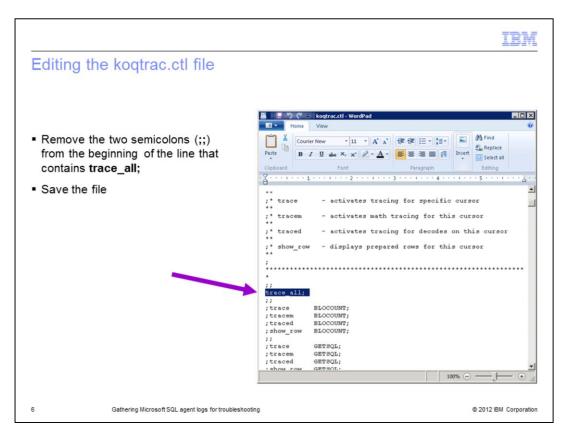
Before opening a Problem Report (PMR), follow these steps to gather important trace logs to greatly speed the time needed to troubleshoot a problem.

First, find the **TMAITM6** directory.

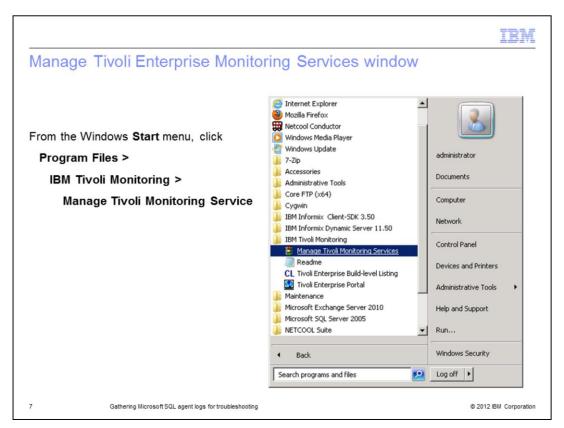
The default path for **<itm_home>** is **C:\IBM\ITM**.



In the TMAITM6 directory, open the koqtrac.ctl file.

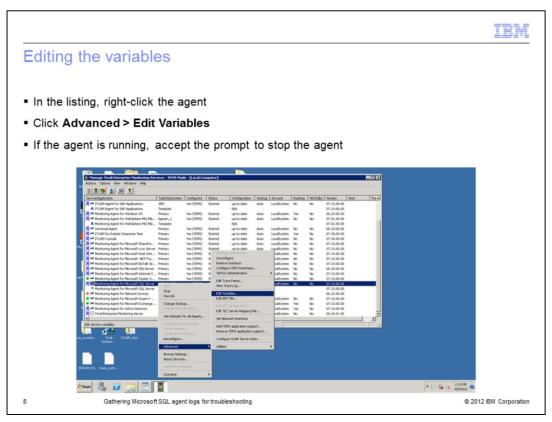


Remove the two semicolons (;;) from the beginning of the line that contains only the phrase **trace_all**; and save the file.



From the Windows **Start** menu, open the **Manage Tivoli Enterprise Monitoring Services** window.

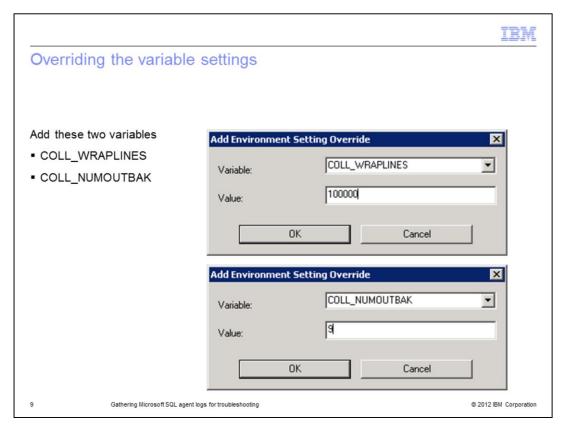
Click Program Files > IBM Monitoring > Manage Tivoli Monitoring Service.



Right-click the row that contains the name of the monitoring agent whose environment variables you want to set and in the menu, click **Advanced > Edit Variables**.

If the agent is running, accept the prompt to stop the agent.

For the environment variables you created to take effect, stop and start the agent.

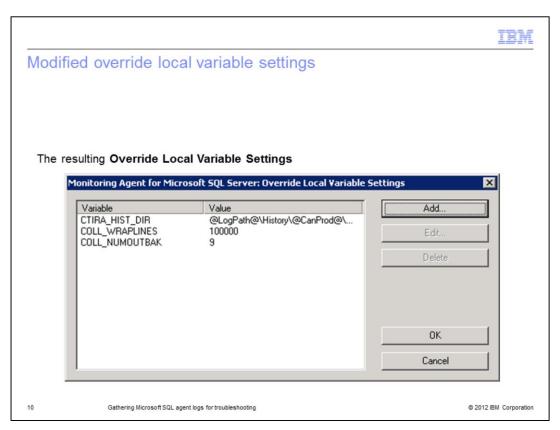


With these steps override the variable settings:

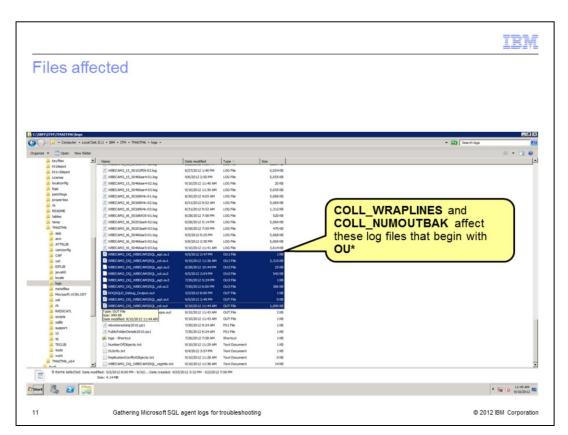
- 1. Click Add.
- 2. In the Variable field, enter COLL_WRAPLINES.
- 3. In the Value field, enter the number 100000.
- 4. Click OK.

Repeat the same steps to add the second settings:

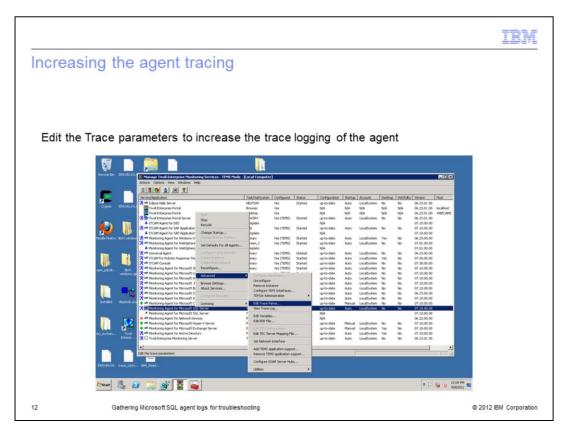
- 1. Click Add.
- 2. In the **Variable** field, enter **COLL_NUMOUTBACK**.
- 3. In the Value field, enter the number 9.
- 4. Click OK.



The Monitoring Agent for Microsoft SQL Server: **Override Local Variable Settings** should now resemble this image, with the added variable settings available for use.

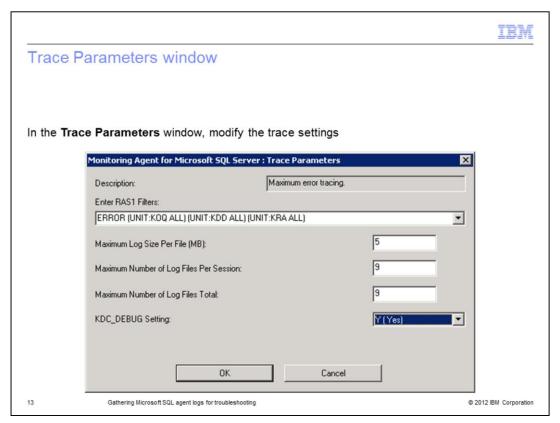


The **COLL_WRAPLINES** and **COLL_NUMOUTBAK** variables control the number of lines each **OU*** file preserves and the number of **OU*** log files that are retained for the MS SQL collector.

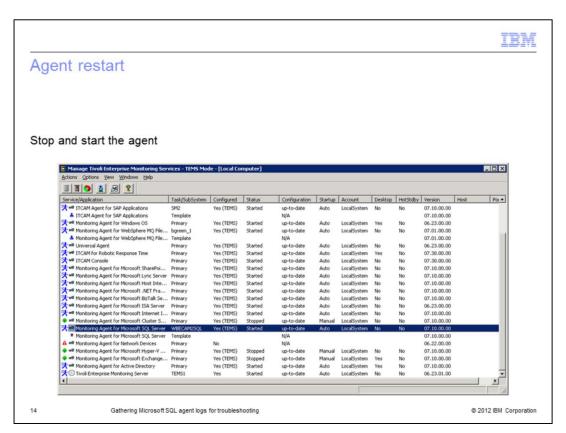


Now increase the agent trace logging with these steps:

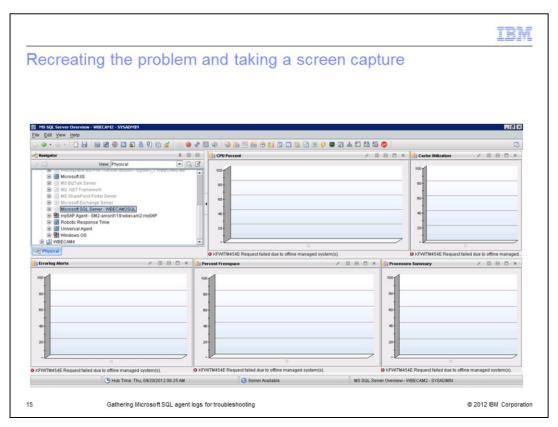
- 1. Open the Manage Tivoli Enterprise Monitoring Services window.
- 2. Right-click the icon of the monitoring agent that you want to modify the logging for.
- 3. Click Advanced > Edit Trace Parms.



- 4. In the Enter RAS1 Filters menu, click the trace setting for maximum error tracing KBB_RAS1=ERROR (UNIT:koq ALL) (UNIT:kra ALL) (UNIT:kdd ALL).
- 5. Modify the value for Maximum Log Size Per File (MB) to 5.
- 6. Modify the value for **Maximum Number of Log Files Per Session** to **9**.
- 7. Modify the value for **Maximum Number of Log Files Total** to **9**.
- 8. (Optional) in the KDC_DEBUG, click Y (Yes).
- 9. Click OK.

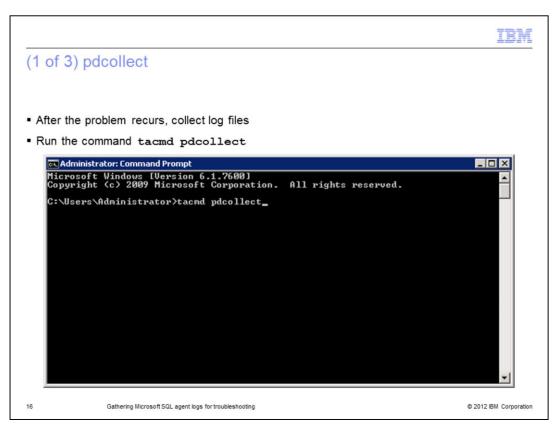


Stop and start the monitoring agent for the database instance that you want to trace.



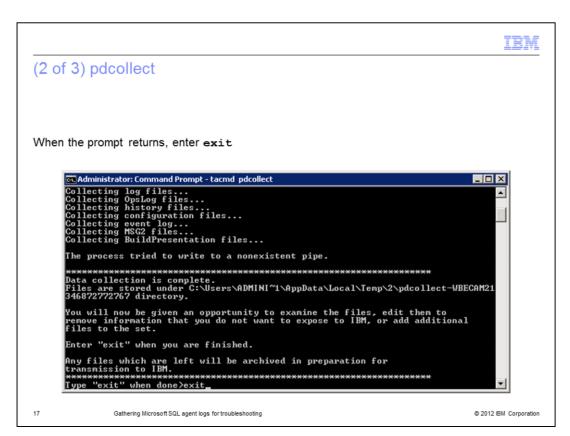
Next, let the agent run long enough to re-create the problem.

Take a screen capture of the issue and then immediately stop the agent. When you stop the agent, it helps Support to isolate the problem in the log files.

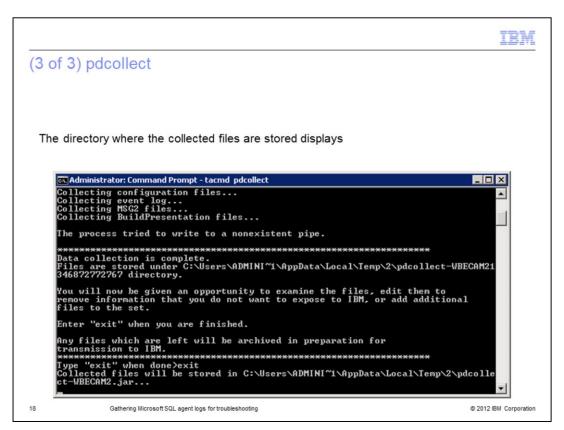


After the problem recurs, collect log files with the increased trace settings.

From a Command Prompt, run the command tacmd pdcollect.



When the command prompt returns as shown in the image, enter exit.



After you enter **exit**, the directory where the collected files are stored displays.



After you collect the log files, remember to reverse all of the increased trace settings using the screen captures and file copies you created at the beginning of this project. If you leave the increased trace settings in place, that might affect the physical disk space and processor utilization of the machine.

Send the collected **.jar** file and the screen capture you saved that shows the issue to Tivoli Support for analysis.

You can attach the file to the new PMR.

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